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SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: Will the Government consider, when they take up the project for execution, the question of making water available free of cost to the villages in between the city and the project site?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: All that is under investigation.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Wherefrom do the Government propose to draw water from the Cauvery? Is it down east of Tiruchirappalli or west of it?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Sir, that is exactly another point which is under investigation.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB: Sir, in view of the unaccommodating attitude of the neighbouring State relating to inter-State matters, will the Government consider the question of dropping the proposal of bringing in water from Krishna and stick to the proposal to bring water only from the Cauvery?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: For bringing Cauvery water also, we are talking with the neighbouring State, and that will also be investigated.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR: Sir, have the Government considered the question that taking water from the Cauvery to Madras City will reduce the water available for irrigation purposes in the delta area?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, after all a very small volume of water would be required by the city and the hon. Member need not have any apprehensions that the irrigation interest in the delta area will be affected in any manner.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Sir, the Hon. Minister has said that the only point, namely, from where the water is to be drawn, is under the investigation of the Government. May I know the other features of the scheme on which the Government have taken a decision?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Sir, the first thing to be decided is the point from where the water is to be tapped.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Are the Government aware that the Cauvery water is pure up to Tiruchirappalli, and we have therefore to draw water from west of Tiruchirappalli?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: That will also be borne in mind.

*Adulteration of cement*

* 98 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation about adulteration of cement by traders; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken to inspect and prevent such adulteration in future?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) The Collector of Tiruchirappalli has received a complaint regarding alleged adulteration of cement by a stockist of Dalmia Cement in the district; and

(*b*) The matter is under enquiry by the Collector of Tiruchirappalli.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : The complaint about the adulteration of cement is prevalent throughout the State. So, do the Government propose to take measures to prevent this throughout the State?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Sir, here I have got a specific complaint. It is being looked into by the Collector. If similar complaints are there in the other districts they will also be looked into.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Why is it that this adulteration takes place? What is the reason for it?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Well, Sir, the hon. Member knows that. But still I would like to say that the stockists want to exploit the consumers.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Cannot surprise visits be made to check the stock and punish the offenders?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Sir, much more than that, if the buyer is straightforward enough and complains about the matter to the concerned department, steps will be taken to punish the offenders.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Sir, the Hon. Minister referred to one case of adulteration. I would like to know how many other cases were booked for adulteration of cement in the whole State?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Here is a complaint and it is being looked into.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : The reason according to me and known to me is, because cement is not available, it is adulterated with purely a profit motive. Control is responsible for it and Government having introduced the control is also partly responsible for it.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Government's intention in enforcing control is to see that it is made available to the ordinary people, the poor people. But it is the intention of the stockists to profiteer. Instead of delivering the cement as they receive it from the buyer, the stockists are interested in cheating the community and getting extra money, and so they do this adulteration.